

Society

With the President and Mrs. Roosevelt enjoying a short visit to their Virginia shooting-box in Albemarle County, to be followed almost immediately by their departure for Panama, with the President pausing on Tuesday just long enough to cast his vote at Oyster Bay, there will be no entertainments at the White House for several weeks to come, even of the interesting and informal variety which the President and Mrs. Roosevelt delight in extending in the all too short time before the opening of the official season.

This latter period will open earlier than ever before, Thursday, December 13, eight days earlier than last year, being selected for the Cabinet dinner, which for more than twenty years has opened the season of three dinners and four receptions, which constitute the state functions of the heads of the nation.

In addition to the four receptions for which cards of invitation to be presented at the door are absolutely necessary, there is the annual reception on New Year's morning, at 11 o'clock, for which no invitations are issued, but at which the guests are received in an established order of precedence, beginning with the dean of the diplomatic corps, and closing with a reception to the general public.

The dates of the evening levees for which separate cards will be issued, are as follows:

January 2, diplomatic reception.
January 17, judicial reception.
January 27, Congressional reception.
February 7, army and navy reception.

In addition to the Cabinet officers and their wives, the dignitaries entertained each season at a dinner at the White House, are the ambassadors, ministers and charge d'affaires, of the diplomatic corps, and the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court.

In addition to their obligations as hosts, the President and Mrs. Roosevelt will also continue the custom of their predecessors and dine with each of the Cabinet officers once during the season. The dates of these parties, which are second only in importance to the White House affairs themselves, are as yet undecided, but will be opened by the Secretary of State and Mrs. Root. According to an idea suggested by Mrs. Root four years ago, when her husband was Secretary of War, the old plan of having the members of the Cabinet present in a body to meet the President at these companies has been abandoned, and a new and distinguished company brought together each week, affording a delightful variety in official entertainments.

The Vice President's residence on Farragut Square is still closed, as he and Mrs. Fairbanks propose remaining some weeks longer in Indianapolis, coming to Washington just in time to celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Mrs. Root, who made a short visit to New York early in the week, is again at her home on Rhode Island avenue, where she is entertaining for a few days Col. Arthur Lee, of the British army, former military attaché of embassy in Washington, and Mrs. Lee. The latter was formerly Miss Moore, daughter of the late John G. Moore, of New York and Bar Harbor.

Miss Chabot, who has a charming addition to the household of the Secretary and Mrs. Metcalf last season, arrived yesterday for a short visit to Mrs. Metcalf, but proposes passing the coming winter in Santa Barbara, Cal.

The British Ambassador, who arrived from Lenox a day or so ago, will be followed to-morrow by Lady Durand, when their embassy will be opened for the season.

The German Ambassador and Baroness von Sternberg, who spent the past week in New York, returned last evening to their embassy, where they will entertain Prince Henry of Reuss and his traveling companion, Lieut. Franz Rintelin, at luncheon to-day. This most distinguished visitor from Germany, the title of Prince Henry of Prussia will follow the same plan in Washington which he found so agreeable in Chicago, Philadelphia, and New York, visiting and receiving one or two friends made in Berlin in the course of his very extensive travel, or especially recommended to him by American friends in Berlin.

The Baroness Engelhardt, wife of the Ambassador from Austria-Hungary, is expected to arrive in Washington on Tuesday, although, owing to the departure of the Ambassador for a short official visit to Vienna, she may continue her visit in New York.

The Ambassador from Brazil will arrive from South America November 15, and join his family at the embassy, on Lafayette square. Mme. Nubuco recently returned from Osterville, Mass., where she passed the summer with her children.

The wife and daughter of the Russian Ambassador, as already announced, returned during the past week.

The Minister from the Netherlands and Mme. van Swinderen, who, since their return from Europe, have been staying at "Westover," the country home of Mme. van Swinderen's parents, yesterday joined the latter at their own home, 1713 K street, but will go to the legation on M street some time next week.

Mr. Arthur Grant Duff, whose marriage to Miss Kathleen Clayton, will take place November 12 at the Belgian Legation, is expected to arrive in Washington next Thursday.

The pre-eminence of Washington as a winter residence is shown in the present season as never before by the unusual number of applicants for large and handsome homes in the fashionable regions of Dupont and Sheridan circles, and as well out on Washington Heights. The recent addition of Mr. and Mrs. George Vanderbilt to the growing list of transplanted New Yorkers is particularly complimentary to Washington, as they are noted as persons of extremely good taste in all social questions, who have never taken kindly to the hurly-burly of New York life as it now exists, and since their marriage have spent their time chiefly at Bellmore House in the North Carolina mountains or abroad.

Mr. Vandervilt is the youngest of the four sons of the late William H. Vandervilt, and grandson of the founder of the family. He is consequently the uncle of the young Duchess of Marlborough, whose affairs are just now so unfortunately before the public. He has always been noted for literary and artistic taste, a collector of choice books, and the owner of one of the finest private collections of paintings in America.

Dr. and Mrs. W. Duncan McKim, who have spent an abundant at the Portland last year, have just finished a large residence,

on New Hampshire avenue, near R street, of forbidding exterior, but so spacious and delightfully arranged as to make it one of the show homes of the neighborhood, where are clustered the new home of Mrs. Charles McCauley, Thomas Nelson Page's imposing residence, and the beautiful new home of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Hildekoper. The music-room of the McKim home, which occupies nearly half the house, is one of the largest apartments in town, with the finest organ ever built for any private house in America. It is in this same neighborhood, just northeast of Dupont Circle, that Mr. Perry Belmont last year purchased a small park, on which he will begin the erection of a beautiful home in December.

Other New Yorkers who have established themselves in Washington in the past few years include Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wadsworth, Mr. Clifford Phelps, and Mr. and Mrs. William Phelps Esch. Of the Chicago millionaires, following the path blazed by Mr. and Mrs. Leiter, recent additions are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moore, the latter a daughter of Mr. E. C. Swift, head of the great packing house industry, bearing his name, who are building on Massachusetts avenue just east of Dupont Circle; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Patterson, who are near neighbors of Mrs. Leiter's, directly on the Circle; Mrs. Charles A. Munn, who was formerly Mrs. Armour, on Massachusetts avenue and Sixteenth street; Mr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Keep, who are building on Sheridan circle; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McCormick, who have recently bought the handsome residence on Massachusetts avenue and Eighteenth street, built by the late Belden Noble, but more recently known as the Spanish Legation. Mr. McCormick, who is a brother of Mrs. McCormick's, and son of the late Cyrus McCormick, is now in Boston, where he and his wife, who was a Miss Dexter, of that city, have a house at Brookline.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Boardman, who came to Washington ten years ago from Cleveland, Ohio, are pre-eminently the leaders of all the Western forces, their home on Dupont circle being noted as the rallying place, not only of all that is distinguished and interesting in society, but as a center of philanthropy and educational interest. Mrs. Boardman's second daughter is Mrs. Frederick A. Keep, and her young daughter, Mrs. Murray Kane, her marriage to the Massachusetts Senator having taken place during the past summer.

Mrs. Albert Clifford Barney, who was a Miss Pike, of Cincinnati, has built two unusually wise houses in Washington, one on Rhode Island avenue, which is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Hannen Jennings, of New Orleans, and a combined studio and residence on Sheridan circle, where she is living.

Mrs. John Davies Jones, who was a Miss Potter, of Cincinnati, owns the very artistic home now occupied by Representative and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, on Eighteenth and I streets, an older residence neighborhood than that usually selected by strangers and very smart.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Gaff, of Cincinnati, have just completed a large house on Twentieth street, just off Connecticut avenue, after two years' residence in Washington, while the Warder residence on K street, which is occupied by the family of the late B. H. Warder, is one of the handsomest of the Ohio homes.

Mrs. Richard Townsend, whose father was Representative William L. Scott, of Erie, Pa., has in the past five years completed what all high-class architects say is the finest private house in Washington and one of the finest in America. It is a large mansion of French style of architecture in white stone, facing on Massachusetts avenue, with extensive grounds at its north and west sides. Mr. Townsend's only child is Miss Mathilde Townsend, a famous American beauty, who was presented at the Court of St. James last summer, and whose engagement to the Count de Albe, of Spain, is expected to be formally announced in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Thropp, the latter also born a Miss Scott of Pennsylvania, a daughter of the late president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, have purchased and improved a splendid home on Twentieth street, near Dupont circle, where they will entertain extensively in the coming winter.

One of the handsomest homes now building on Washington Heights in the neighborhood of the proposed French Embassy is for John Hays Hammond, of South African fame, who passed a few weeks in Washington last winter, and decided to make this his permanent home. Other distinguished South Africans, as some one has described certain representatives of great international interests now established permanently in Washington, are Mr. Gardiner Williams, Mr. Henry Cleveland Perkins, and Mr. Hannen Jennings.

Recent additions from Boston include Mr. Charles F. Adams, who last spring purchased the former home of Bishop Hurlst on Massachusetts avenue and Seventeenth street, a descendant of two Presidents and a brother of Mr. Henry Adams, long a resident of the capital, whose artistic home on H street adjoins that of Mrs. John Hay, widow of the former Secretary of State.

The former Ambassador to Italy and Mrs. William Drayton, on their return from Rome, purchased and greatly improved a splendid property on Farragut Square, the former home of Mrs. Dewey and her mother, the late Mrs. Washington McLean. Still another Boston acquisition is Mrs. Larz Anderson, who was Miss Isabel Perkins, and the greatest heiress of her generation, whose marriage place on Massachusetts avenue divides the honors of that neighborhood with the home of Thomas F. Walsh, of Colorado.

A much entertained young woman in New York at present is the Princess Cantacuzene of Russia, formerly Miss Julia Dent Grant, and the only daughter of Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Frederick Dent Grant, whom she is now visiting at Governors Island. In view of the very natural prejudice against foreign marriages now existing in America, it is pleasant to note the complete happiness of Gen. Grant's granddaughter, who married the man of her choice quite independent of his title, and is known to all her friends as one of the happiest of wives. Prince Cantacuzene accompanied his wife to America in the summer, when they went once to Mount Gretna, Pa., to join Gen. and Mrs. Grant at their camp. The prince and princess and their two children will return to Paris, where they make their winter home, later in the month. This young matron is the only one of

the many grandchildren of the President and Mrs. Grant to be born in the White House.

Among the hosts of the week entertaining the prince and princess were Mr. George Woolsey, who gave a dinner at Sherry's on Tuesday; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Shipman, and Miss Lucy Frelinghuysen.

Mrs. Alexander Shepherd has returned to Washington to pass the winter. Mrs. Shepherd has leased a house on Sixteenth street, where she will live with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Connors Shepherd. The latter, who is a very charming young woman, was formerly Miss Sally Clifford, who made many friends during her school days in Washington, when she spent much time with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Foster.

The announcement of the engagement of Count de Moltke, of Denmark, to Miss Cornelia Thayer, daughter of Mr. Nathaniel Thayer of Boston, is interesting to Washington society, as the bridegroom-to-be is a member of the same family as Count Adam de Moltke, whose marriage to Miss Louise Bonaparte, daughter of the late Jerome Bonaparte, of this city, and niece of the present Secretary of Navy, took place in this city about ten years ago. Count de Moltke recently arrived in America.

With the return of Mrs. Richard Townsend and Miss Townsend, who are due in New York to-day, it is expected the rumored engagement of the latter to the Duke de Albe, of Spain, will be officially announced or denied, the probability being strongly in favor of the former.

Still another international romance, begun in Europe in the past summer, is that of Miss Theodora Shonts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore P. Shonts, and the Duc de Chaulnes, of France, the latter having been in the train of Mrs. Shonts and her handsome daughters from the day he made their acquaintance, at Dinard, until their departure for home a month ago. The formal engagement would seem to be entirely the fault of Miss Shonts, who is credited with the good sense of desiring one season in American society before selecting a husband, either foreign or domestic. The Misses Shonts are now with their parents in Panama, where they will have the pleasure of participating in the receptions and balls in honor of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, which are already arranged for.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Steele will sail November 10 to join their daughter, Mrs. Edwin E. Gwynne, in Paris, where they will pass the greater part of the winter.

Mrs. Richardson Clover, who is always among the early home-comers of the autumn, notwithstanding the width of the continent separates her estate in California from her winter home on New Hampshire avenue, is now established in the latter residence, where she will give her annual costume ball for her two small daughters early in the season.

The governor of Virginia and Mrs. Swanson, who, by reason of the deep mourning of the latter, have been prevented from accepting any invitations on their occasional short visits to Washington, are expected to return to society in January. The governor and his wife are among the best known and popular members of the Southern society in Washington. Mr. Swanson having represented a Virginia district in Congress for seven terms.

Mrs. Robert Hinckley has the hostess yesterday at a very enjoyable bridge party at her home on Sixteenth street.

Miss Elizabeth Ferguson is the guest of Miss Sargent, of Boston, where she will spend several weeks. Maj. Ferguson and daughter, on the latter's return, will take possession of a new residence on Fifteenth street, near A.

Mrs. C. A. F. Flagler, wife of Maj. Flagler, U. S. A., has joined the mother of the latter at the Victoria.

Much concern is felt by a large circle of Washington friends for Mrs. David Foote Sellers, wife of Lieut. Sellers, U.

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S. N., who was recently thrown from her automobile at Chattanooga, Tenn., where she is visiting her parents, the former Consul General to London and Mrs. H. Clay Evans. The marriage of Lieut. and Mrs. Sellers took place in St. Thomas' Church, this city, just a year ago.

Congratulations will be due Mr. and Mrs. John Warren Egerton on Thursday on the first anniversary of their marriage. Mrs. Egerton was Miss Marion Gallaudet, youngest daughter of Dr. E. M. Gallaudet.

Mrs. John P. Story, Jr., who has been seriously ill during the past week, is greatly improved.

Miss Rachel Holmes, whose engagement to Mr. William Penn Cresson, of this city, was recently announced, will sail next week with her father, Mr. D. H. Holmes, to join Mrs. Holmes in Paris, where the family will pass the next six weeks. Mrs. Holmes' short visit to America was mainly to serve as bridesmaid for her friend, Miss Marion Harrison, whose marriage to Mr. Tyler Field took place last week in Cincinnati. Mr. and Mrs. Field sailed on Wednesday to spend a month in Paris, where the Count and Countess Adelbert de Chambrun, the latter formerly Miss Clara Longworth, have placed their apartment at their disposal. Later they will go to Egypt. The Count and Countess de Chambrun will pass the holiday season in Cincinnati with the mother of the latter, at Rockwood, with possibly a short visit to Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth in this city.

Miss Anne Depew Paulding will return to Washington during the present week to open the residence of her uncle, Senator Chauncey Depew, who will come to Washington with Mrs. Depew for the opening of Congress.

Col. and Mrs. B. Reeves Russell, who are again established in their Eighteenth street home, entertained at a card party and supper on Thursday evening when their guests included Dr. Jenkins, Admiral Kenny, Mr. Payton Russell, Dr. Bishop, Dr. Chastard, Gen. Reid, Maj. Warner Bayly, Mr. Ned McCawley, Commissioner Eddle, Mr. Aulick, Fulmer, Gen. Harris, Rear Admiral Fred Rogers, Mr. Richard Weightman, and Miss Mabel Merriam, who is the guest of Col. and Mrs. Russell.

The marriage of Miss Bessie Tubman Freeman, of Charles County, Md., and Mr. William J. Hickey, formerly of this city, now of Easton, Pa., is announced. The ceremony took place last evening at 8 o'clock in the presence of the immediate families, the Rev. J. D. Marr, of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, officiating. An extended trip through Canada and the North, Mr. and Mrs. Hickey will be at home in Easton, Pa.

Miss Marion Leutze, daughter of the commandant of the navy yard and Mrs. Leutze, will dispense with the usual debutante tea, but will entertain her contemporary buds at a large luncheon on November 20.

Miss Ruth Tanner will also have a luncheon as her initial entertainment.

Miss Cornelia Bradford and Miss Traher, of Georgetown, have returned from a four months' trip to Europe.

Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Snyder have leased their residence in Sixteenth street, for the season, and have returned to their old family mansion in Georgetown, with the view of making it their permanent home.

Mrs. A. A. De Loffe and her daughter, Miss Marie De Loffe, formerly of this city, have joined Mr. Andre De Loffe in England, where Mr. De Loffe represents the General Electric Company, at the latter's London office. Mrs. De Loffe has taken a house at Leytonstone, Essex, for an indefinite period.

Miss Lena Wilkins, of 1523 Twenty-eighth street, left the city yesterday, for Richmond, where she will visit Miss Live, and Mr. Gordon and other friends. Miss Wilkins will also visit in Petersburg, Va., and attend a house party in Lynchburg. She does not expect to be back until after Christmas.

Mrs. Marion McCants is visiting friends in Richmond.

Mr. J. Meyer, of Chicago, Ill., is the guest of Messrs. Henry and Lee Laman.

Judge and Mrs. J. H. McGowan and their daughter, Miss Ruth McGowan, have returned to their home in Cleveland Park after a summer spent in England.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston, of Corcoran street, will spend the winter cruising along the coast of Florida. Their son, Mr. Otis Winston, has gone to Richmond to enter upon a business life. Mrs. Winston's sister, Mrs. Smedes, has gone to Denver, Colo., to live.

Admiral and Mrs. Hemphill and their daughter, Miss Hemphill, have returned to their residence on P street for the winter.

Mrs. Ramsey, wife of Admiral Ramsey, U. S. N., who has been ill at her home in N street northwest, is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ramsey have taken apartments at the Kanawha, in Dumbarton avenue, Georgetown, for the winter.

Gen. and Mrs. Frank Thorp, U. S. A., are located at the Gordon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks entertained Wednesday evening in honor of their guest, Miss Hammond, of Alabama. Cards were the feature of the entertainment, and the guests included Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Stanford, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Howard, Miss Elkins, the Misses Livingston, Miss Deane, Miss Stanford, Mr. Eurt, Mr. Worthington, Mr. F. W. Benson, Mr. Grant, Mr. Stowe, and Mr. Jack Moore.

The engagement is announced of Miss Ellen Lee Young, daughter of Mr. Livingston I. Young, of Helena, Mont., to Mr. A. W. Bolter, of Baltimore. The marriage will take place at St. Paul's Church, this city, Wednesday, November 21.

Mrs. William Hamilton Bayly and Mrs. Duncan Richmond have just returned from Gettysburg, Pa., where they were the guests of Col. Cope and Miss Cope on the occasion of an organ recital at the First Presbyterian Church last Thursday. Mrs. Bayly, one of the notably fine woman organists of the country, was invited to conduct the recital by reason of her long and familiar acquaintance in Gettysburg, which is her husband's former home.

The programme was a most acceptable one, selected from Handel, Mendelssohn, Wagner, Schubert, and other classics, with Mrs. Richmond's beautiful soprano heard to advantage in Woodbury's "If I Were a Voice," and other modern songs.

The Octagon Club gave a very enjoyable dance on Wednesday evening at the Mercantile Club, the first of a series of affairs which they will give throughout the season. The initial affair was a children's party, with the girls dressed as dainty misses and the boys in Buster Brown suits and golden curls. Those present were Misses Florence Gudsorf, Bella Schiffman, Rita Baer, Hilda Frank, Leah Herman, Ernestine Rich, Rhoda Mann, Selma Kahn, Sadie Breslau, Leona Stern, Gladys Mayer, Lillian Coblentz, and Messrs. Arthur Luchs,



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Miss Mary Bass, of Baltimore, spent a few days with Mrs. Aaron Jackson.

One of the most artistic dances of the season was given by Miss Mattie Branner Halloween night, at her home on P street. There were present about twenty-five couples, who were furnished by their hostesses with purple dominoes and masks. The rooms were lighted by large Halloween pumpkin faces and were decorated with autumn leaves. Refreshments were served about 11 o'clock, and the dancing continued until midnight.

Miss Alice H. Walsh, late of 70 Seaton street northwest, has returned to Washington, and is located at 633 A street southeast.

Maj. and Mrs. Shaw have closed their house on Capitol Hill for the month of November, spending that time at Atlantic City.

Miss Weller, of Capitol Hill, is entertaining Miss Johnston, of Texas.

The Misses Morris, of Seventeenth street, entertained at dinner on Sunday evening in honor of Miss Estelle Peyser and Mr. Sol Herzog, whose engagement was announced during the summer. The

invited guests were Miss Estelle Peyser, Miss Della Fisher, Mr. Sol Herzog, and Mr. Marx E. Kahn.

Mrs. B. Held and Mr. E. Heidenheimer have returned from New York.

Mrs. L. Stoddard Taylor, with her little daughter, Imogen, has returned to the city, and are at 821 Vermont avenue for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Sheridan, who have been in Mexico for the past three weeks, returned to the city on Thursday.

Miss Blanche Strasburger, of H street, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Jules Hyman, of Augusta, Ga., who is slowly recovering from an attack of typhoid fever.

Miss Esther Behrend, of K street, entertained the Evening Whist Club on Tuesday evening. Those present were Misses Edith Auerbach, Rose Hahn, Nellie Behrend, and Messrs. Joseph Goldenberg, Stanley Auerbach, Harry Hahn, and Alfred Rosenthal.

The Halloween dance given by the Phoenix, Utopian, and Imperial clubs, at Carroll Institute Hall, was a delightful opening of the social season. The following are the members of the executive committee: Sylvan J. Luchs, chairman; Phil Herman, Sol Abbott, George Goldenberg, Wallace Luchs, and Eugene Young. Those who enjoyed the evening were Misses Carol Baer, Ella and Birdie Steyer, Daisy Marx, Jennie Sanger, Minnie Ull-

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